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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1192  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Glenn and Marilyn  
Gardner and their family-run grocery store.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly pause to specially recognize our local grocery stores and the families who operate them; through their hard work, dedication, and promotion of healthy family values, these citizens provide a strong foundation for their communities; and

WHEREAS, Glenn and Marilyn Gardner are two commendable individuals who have helped to build a dependable local institution in Gardner's Prime Cuts, formerly Dick's Food Mart, and have provided the citizens of Lebanon with the freshest produce and finest cuts of meat in combination with the highest level of customer service for a period nearing fifty years; and

WHEREAS, taking over the business from his father, Dick Gardner, Glenn, with his wife Marilyn's unwavering assistance, cultivated the growth of the original convenience store, concentrating on the main ingredients of community participation, customer service, competitive

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pricing, and a dedication to providing only the highest quality groceries, and transformed it into a grocery store that became a staple in the lives of Lebanon's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Gardners have a laudable dedication to family values that has carried over into the next generation, as evidenced by their children, Joe, John, Jill, and Jim, who are striving to carry the family tradition into the new millenium by opening a new store, named Gardner's Prime Cuts, in an effort to offer the people of Lebanon more invaluable services while, at the same time, continuing the tradition of old-fashioned customer concern instituted by Glenn and Marilyn under the eaves of Dick's Food Mart; and

WHEREAS, throughout their years on West Main Street, where Dick's Food Mart stood for nearly fifty years, Glenn and Marilyn strove to provide those in the Lebanon community with what they sought, be it first-rate meat and dairy products, fresh produce, or an impromptu meeting place where friends could gather; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Glenn and Marilyn Gardner goes far beyond the sale of quality groceries, as they provided a work-place in which their employees were provided the opportunity to blossom into valuable members of society; and

WHEREAS, Glenn and Marilyn established a strong foundation from which their own family would grow, expecting each of the Gardner children to assist in the daily running of the store throughout their formative years and instilling in them the qualities which will carry them, and their new incarnation of the family business, into a successful new era; and

WHEREAS, in all of Lebanon, there is no better place to procure a thick rib-eye steak or a selection of pork chops, hand-cut to the customer's specifications, and no other institution in which a customer can buy produce at noon that was picked that very morning, a service made possible by Glenn's tri-weekly trips to a Kentucky Mennonite farm, so that he may provide his customers with the freshest pesticide-free fruits and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to salute the accomplishments of Glenn and Marilyn Gardner, two people who represent the spirit and integrity characteristic of

true Tennesseans, such spirit and integrity manifested in their dedication to their family, friends and the community of Lebanon and their adherence to the highest order of family values, quality customer service, and the vision which will guarantee success for the Gardner family for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Glenn and Marilyn Gardner and family on their past, present, and future success with Dick's Food Mart, now Gardner's Prime Cuts, thank them for their service to the Lebanon community, honor them for their dedication to quality merchandise, friendship, and outstanding customer service, and wish them the best in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.